

CHELTENHAM QUAKER

SEPTEMBER 2010

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Cheltenham: Sundays at 10:30. Children are always welcome in our Sunday meetings for worship. If during the hour parents feel it is appropriate, they can go with them to the children's room, where they will be joined by one of the children's meeting volunteers. Fifth Sunday shared lunch.

Thursdays, 12:30 to 1:00 Meeting for Worship, followed on First and Third Thursdays (2nd and 16th) by shared lunch.

DIARY (ALL OF THESE MEETINGS AT THE MEETING HOUSE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

August

Th 19 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

Th 26 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.

Sa 28 6.00 **Summer Tea** at the Meeting House. Details below.

September

Th 2 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

Th 2 2.30 **Peace Group** at Eleanor Pratt's. All welcome

Su 5 11.30 **Local Meeting**

Mo 6 8.00 **Christians at Work:** Douglas Willoughby on "Care that liberates" (Sue Ryder care) at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church

Th 9 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour

Sa 11 2.00 **Area Meeting** at Stroud, Whiteway Colony Hall

Tu 14 10.30 **Ecumenical Prayer Group** at the White House, Gotherington Lane, Bishops Cleeve

Th 16 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

Su 19 12.00 **Meeting for Learning.** Being a Quaker Magistrate, facilitated by Dorothy Carson

Th 23 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour

Th 30 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour

October

Su 3 11.30 **Local Meeting**

Mo 4 8.00 **Christians at Work.** Rev. Malcolm Allen on "The role of a Chaplain to a professional football club", at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church

We 6 2.30 **Peace Group,** venue to be confirmed. All welcome

Th 7 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

Tu 12 10.30 **Ecumenical Prayer Group** at the White House, Gotherington Lane, Bishops Cleeve

Th 14 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour

Th 14 7.00 **Area Meeting** at Cirencester. Tea from 6.00 pm

Th 21 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

September Collection for Quaker charities: Quaker Voluntary Action, Martin Smith (Clerk), 1 Holt Lane, Holmfirth, W. Yorks. HD9 3BW

REMINDER - Summer Tea, Saturday 28th August

Come and enjoy a traditional English tea – sandwiches – cucumber included of course! – scones – strawberries and other delightful comestibles. At Meeting House on 28th August at 6 pm. Outside if weather allows.

Margot Roe

Christians at Work: Monday, 6th September.

The speaker this month will be Duncan Willoughby on “Care that liberates”. Duncan has been a member of the fund raising team for Sue Ryder Care at Leckhampton for over four years, working with communities across the county to raise the profile and encourage funding contributions. He will talk about recent changes and anticipated future developments. All warmly welcome, as always. Roy Crompton

Meeting House Renovations and Repairs

Following the recent five-year survey of the Meeting House, which identified various important renovations and repairs which need to be done, the Premises Committee believes it right to prioritise the refurbishment of the kitchen. Although we have some funds in reserve to pay part of the cost of this and other works, almost certainly we shall need more to cover the full cost.

The treasurers feel that this is a good opportunity to ask all associated with the Cheltenham Meeting to review whether their current contributions for Quaker work, whether by scheduled contributions or by weekly offerings, are at the right level, taking into account their personal resources and needs, and those of the Meeting. Philip Paull, our past treasurer, has offered to discuss this with individual friends who might find it helpful. Such discussions will of course be completely confidential. Tim Howarth